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PREFACE

And I dream of the days when work was scrappy,
And rare in our pockets the mark of the mint,
And we were angry and poor and happy,
And proud of seeing our names in print.

G. K. Chesterton
"A Song of Defeat"

Although the nation's economic woes have not left our colleges and universities untouched, to our sorrow, and friends and fellow onomasticians are departing, yet an abiding interest in names is still able to bring scholars together to exchange ideas. And from such distances they came to the tenth annual meeting of the Literary Onomastics Conference, June 7-8, 1982, in Rochester, New York!

"Captain is a good travelling name, and so I take it."

George Farquhar, The Beaux' Stratagem

A good many captains showed up at the meeting, coming from Kentucky, South Carolina, and South Africa, as well as various locations in New York. The delicacies they imported can be found, in somewhat altered versions, in the pages of this journal, a feast of names in print.

As usual, we wish to thank those people without whom the Conference and the journal could not exist: the participants, of course; Paul F. Ferguson, Conference Executive Secretary; Robert J. Gemmett, Dean of Letters and Science; Vincent L. Tollers, Chairperson of the Department of English; Victor Rojas, Chairperson of the Department of Foreign Languages, all of the State University of New York, College at Brockport. We also are grateful for the work of the Director and staff of the Office of General Support Services.

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